

<i>T. similis</i> from Nepal=	<i>T. lokroides lokroides</i> (Summer).
<i>T. similis owensi</i>	= <i>T. lokroides owensi</i> .
<i>T. lokroides mearsi</i> =	<i>mearsi mearsi</i> and <i>m. bellona</i> .

E.—A NEW FLYING SQUIRREL FROM TENASSERIM.

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Among the Flying Squirrels obtained for the Survey by Mr. G. C. Shortridge in Tenasserim is one which is so like the examples he obtained there of *Pteromys* (*Hylopetes*) *belone* that it was not distinguished from them until recently. Now, however, examination shows that it is not a *Hylopetes* at all, but a most distinct species of the subgenus *Petinomys* and therefore in no way related to *P. belone*. It may be called

Pteromys (*Petinomys*) *phipsoni*, sp. n.

A *Petinomys* with the general look of *P. (Hylopetes) belone*, though the size is smaller.

General colour above blackish slaty, washed with fulvous or cinnamon, which becomes deeper and richer on the posterior back. Under surface cream-buff, whiter mesially. Top of muzzle and crown slaty greyish with fine buffy tips to the hairs; eyes with a broad deep black line running along above them from the base of the ears to the roots of the whiskers, a narrower black line edging them below. Below this narrow black line the cheeks are bright ochraceous-buffy, this colour passing down on the sides of the throat and chest, where it fades into the general cream-buff of the under surface; the middle line of the throat white. Ears very small, with tufts of long black hairs, twice the length of the ears, growing from their anterior and posterior bases. Hands and feet dark brown above, cream-buff on the inner sides of the wrists and ankles. Tail distichous, dull buffy for its basal inch above, then smoky brown darkening to black at the end; below the basal inch is buffy, then the sides are mixed buffy and brown, the buffy then disappearing and the terminal half being black; middle line of vertebræ buffy, edged with dark brown.

Skull with all the characteristics of *Petinomys*, the brain-case broad, smooth and strongly bowed, the profile very convex upwards; bullæ large, triangular, flattened, very different to the round inflated bullæ of *Hylopetes*.

Dimensions of the type, measured in flesh:—

Head and body, 123 mm.; tail, 116; hindfoot, 24; ear, 14.5.

Skull:—Greatest length, 31; condylo-incisive length, 29.2; zygomatic breadth, 18.6; nasals, 7.8×4.3 ; interorbital breadth, 6; mastoid breadth, 17; palatilar length, 13; upper tooth series exclusive of p. ³, 5.2.

Habitat—Tenasserim; type from Tenasserim village.

Type.—Adult female. B. M. No. 14.12.8.243. Original number, 5050. Collected 10th April 1914 by G. C. Shortridge. Presented to the National Museum by the Bombay Natural History Society.

Like as this species is to *P. (Hylopetes) belone* and its allies, within the subgenus *Petinomys* it is so widely distinct from any described form as to need no detailed comparison. Perhaps its nearest relation is *P. setosus*, Temm., but that has none of its striking colour characteristics.

I have named this beautiful little animal in honour of Mr. H. M. Phipson, the former Secretary of the Society, to whose initiative and enthusiasm the Society owes so much of its prosperity, and to whose ready help most Indian Zoologists have at various times been so greatly indebted.

F.—A NEW FLYING SQUIRREL FROM THE CHIN HILLS.

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In Mr. Mackenzie's collection there are two specimens, adult and young, of a new Flying Squirrel, widely different from any known Indian one, and only related to Yunnan and Malayan forms. It may be called

Petaurista sylbilla, sp. n.

A small species nearly related to *P. marica*, Thos. Size, as gauged by skull, slightly less than in *marica*. Fur fine and soft, wool hairs of back about 27mm. in length, the longer hairs attaining 36. Coloration nearly similar to that of *marica*, but practically without white spots, a single one only present on the right hip of the type. Dorsal area grizzled ochraceous tawny, more olivaceous anteriorly, deeper tawny posteriorly. Parachute brilliant rufous. Under-surface bright ochraceous buff, edged with the brilliant rich rufous of the parachute; a black spot on the chin. Head rather more tawny than back, not blacker as in *marica*, a narrow blackish edge along the upper side of the orbits continued forward towards the muzzle;